

McCall Library Board of Trustees Meeting 20 April 2006

I. Call to Order: 4:10 pm.

II. Attendance: Lindley Kirkpatrick, Robyn Armstrong, Anne Kantola, Diane DeChambeau, Ed Hershberger, Susie Reddick, Lynn Lewinski

Lindley Kirkpatrick was invited to speak with us about financial and building issues. Due to his schedule, Lindley spoke to us at the beginning of our meeting. He reports that recommendations for McCall's municipal campus were made in February. Four alternatives were considered; each assumed the library would remain within the campus, whether or not it becomes a district library. At the time, the Council reached consensus about remaining at our present downtown location. The Council's next job is to look at funding for the campus, including possible bonding and potential grants for a new library and senior center. Before any decisions about new facilities are made, two issues must be addressed: 1) the Council must resolve payment of an outstanding legal judgment and 2) they must figure out how to fund a new wastewater treatment plant. The plant will be paid through sewer bills (a revenue bond). The new facility would be funded through property taxes (a general obligation bond). A facilities proposal could be made to the public within the next two to four years. Lindley mentioned that the old fire station property plus one-half of the building is part of an exchange that assigns ownership to the city.

Regarding Nell Tobias's bequest to the library, Lindley reports that the money is currently in a LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool), an account through which small entities such as the city of McCall can invest funds to earn interest that also stays in the account. Four signatures are currently required on the account. Lindley recommends that we propose to the City Council what we wish to do with the money - set it aside for building funds, use for renovations, etc.

III. Minutes: Approved.

IV. Staff Report:

Bookblitz II has been cancelled.

New leadership skills workshops are being organized by the City staff for department heads on the third Friday of each month. The first topic is employee recognition.

Staff is doing well in general although the newest employee is experiencing some health problems.

V. Friends Report:

Diane reports the Friends have decided not to hold the Memorial Day Book Sale. They currently have too many books to deal with and are looking for ways to disperse them, perhaps to smaller town libraries.

VI. Budget and Stats:

Anne will deliver the budget report to Ed later.

VII. Old Business:

LiLI: Their interlibrary loan system looks great with much less paperwork to process loans plus a huge database. The cost is \$1200 per year. Anne can find the money to enroll this year; she has already put it in next year's budget. Lynn moved that we sign up for this service with the stipulation that we will designate limits to our shared database. We will consider this a trial from June 2006 to June 2007. Motion seconded and approved by all.

Bequest: \$50,000 of Nell's money has been received and is earning interest. We agree we will hold onto the money until we can spend it meaningfully. Diane recommends that Nell's donation remain in the LGIP for the time being. Motion seconded and approved by all.

Carpet donation: A gentleman has offered to donate new carpet. He should realize that our building might no longer exist five years from now. Given this fact, we're wondering if he still wants to make the donation. Diane suggested another option whereby we recarpet only heavy traffic areas. Anne will discuss the options with the donor.

Library fees: After discussion, a motion was made to raise the nonresident library fee to \$50 per household. The motion was seconded, four members voted in favor and one member was opposed. The motion passed.

Report to Council: We will try to keep it to ten minutes. Robyn took us through the Power Point presentation. We made a few changes but it looks great! The meeting begins next Thursday, April 27th, at 6 pm.

#### VIII. New Business:

LOT Funds: Anne is looking for suggestions as to how we spend our portion. She will look into replacing the front doors and cleaning up the entryway. Lynn also suggested purchasing more children's magazines.

Phil Davis: Mr. Davis's wife call to see if her husband, who is running for County Commissioner, can speak to us. Anne will return the call; if he has a bonafide library issue, we'll put him on the agenda. If not, he can sit in on our meeting but we're not open to any political pitching.

Due to time constraints, other agenda items will be moved to our May 10th meeting.

#### IX. Adjournment: 6:00 pm.

Next meeting: May 10, 2006 at 4:00 pm